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(b) whether any representations have been received from secondary schools in regard to large scale failure in S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1962; and

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Yes.

(c) As the representations related to the new eligibility rules framed by the University of Madras, they were forwarded to the University for necessary action.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that a minimum has been insisted on in respect of each of the subjects and that that is why many students have failed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot state the causes for the failure of the students. But the University has framed certain rules under which a certain minimum must be obtained.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government pointed out to the University the reason for the failure and have they made any recommendation to the University?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have forwarded the representations to the University for necessary action.

Re-orientation training

*108 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the duration of re-orientation training given to elementary school teachers in the State; and

(b) the remuneration given to teachers during the period of training?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Six days in a spell or three days each in two spells.

(b) A daily allowance of Rs. 2 is paid to the teachers for the duration of the Seminar. Teachers attending the Seminar from places outside a radius of five miles from the centre are paid the actual conveyance charge admissible for the lowest class in a public conveyance. Teachers deputed from schools in the locality where the training is given are paid an allowance of Re. 1 per day.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are such days declared as holidays or are substitutes appointed for these posts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think substitutes are appointed for this short period.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know if there is any phased programme for this purpose and how it is taken, whether taluk-wise, district-wise or simultaneously throughout the State?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Leave rules for teachers

* 109 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce uniform leave rules for teachers working in aided elementary schools under various agencies ; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The rules relating to Elementary Schools contain uniform provision for grant of leave to the teachers working in aided elementary schools. The managements can claim grants on the basis of the provision therein. A copy of the rules has been placed in the Legislature Library for reference.

Pension

* 110 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rate of pension allowed to teachers of B.T. Grade retired on and after 1st July 1960;

(*b*) the rate of pension allowed to such teachers retired prior to that date; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to make the rate of pension uniform?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) B.T. Assistants and Headmasters who retired before 1st July 1960 were eligible for pension calculated at the rate of one rupee for each year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 30. In the case of Headmasters, a special additional pension calculated at the rate of one rupee per year of service as headmaster, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 was admissible. The scheme of pension has been revised with effect from 1st July 1960, under which B.T. Assistants and Headmasters retiring on or after that date will be eligible for pension like other teachers on the basis of the total years of service and the average emoluments drawn during the last three years, subject to a maximum of Rs. 60 and Rs. 75 per mensem respectively.

(*c*) No.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the difficulty in making this pension uniform inasmuch as teachers who retired even one day earlier are drawing only half of the pension of the person who retires the next day?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have considered all aspects of this question and taken decisions.